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CADCA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

- DATES: FEB 6-10 NATIONAL HARBOR, MD
- THEME: COLLABORATE, ADVOCATE, INNOVATE
- LATEST STRATEGIES TO FIGHT SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- PRESENTORS: NATIONALLY-KNOWN EXPERTS AND POLICY MAKERS

Opening Ceremony

 8th Annual SAMHSA Prevention Day opening plenary featured: The Duke Ellington School of the Arts Dance Ensemble.



PREVENTING DRUG ABUSE IS NO EASY TASK

- Since 1992, CADCA has demonstrated that when all sectors of a community come together to fight substance abusechange happens.
- If local community coalitions are the vehicle that ties together local constituents then CADCA is the catalyst which unites community coalitions across our nation.

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Partnering for Success

- Collaborate: Stressed the importance of developing <u>meaningful</u> partnerships with policymakers, community leaders, public health departments and related organizations.
- Advocate: Encouraged local/state coalitions to be political agents in order to effect real and sustainable change.
- Innovate: Focus-local/state coalitions must be creative and inventive in doing business and implementing strategies to carry out their mission.

Key Facts-Take Aways

- By 2020, mental and substance use disorder will surpass all physical diseases as a major cause of disability worldwide.
- Each year, approximately **5,000** youth under the age of **21** die as a result of underage drinking.
- More than 34,000 Americans die every year as a result of suicide, approximately one every 15 minutes.
- Among persons aged 12 and older who used prescription pain relievers non-medically in the past 12 months, 55.9 % got them from a friend or relative for <u>free.</u>

Prevention and the National Drug Control Policy

The National Drug Control Strategy contains 18 actions related to drug prevention, organized under 5 overarching principles:

- 1. A National Prevention System Must Be Grounded at the Community Level
- 2. Prevention Efforts Must Encompass the Range of Settings in Which Young People Grow Up
- 3. Develop and Disseminate Information on Youth Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use
- 4. Criminal Justice Agencies and Prevention Organizations Must Collaborate
- 5. Preventing Drugged Driving Must Become a National Priority on Par with Preventing Drunk Driving

CADCA's strategies directly reflect the ONDCP's strategy of community and grassroots level intervention.



SAMHSA Strategic Initiative #1 Prevention of Substance Abuse & Mental Illness

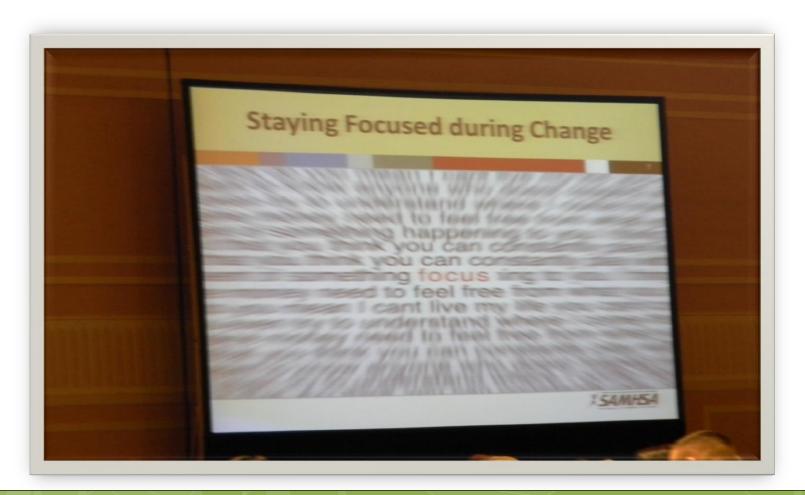


- Frances M. Harding, Director CSAP
- "Create communities where individual, families, schools, faith-based organizations and work places act to promote emotional health reducing the likelihood of emotional illness, substance abuse including tobacco and suicide."
- Focus: High Risk Youth, Youth in Tribal Communities and Military Families

What Americans Believe

- 66% believe treatment and support can help people with mental illness to lead normal lives
- 20% feel persons with a mental illness are dangerous to others
- o 2/3 believe addiction can be prevented
- o 75% believe recovery from addiction is possible
- 20% say they would think less of a friend/relative if they discover that person is in recover from an addition
- 30% say they would think less of a person with a current addiction

Key Message Stay Focused During Change



The Law-Increases Your Access to Affordable Care

- Blood pressure screening
- Cholesterol screening
- Tobacco cessation counseling and interventions
- Birth control
- Depression screening
- AND MORE.....
- www.healthcare.gov/prevention for a full list

Prevention Barriers in the Armed Forces

Military entities create a difficult circumstances in terms of intervention, acceptance and prevention

- Admitting to drug addiction, and seeking help can lead to being discharged from the Armed Forces
- Alcohol dependency and drug addiction may lead to a revocation of security clearances, making it impossible to progress or transfer in military careers and strips military members of a valuable asset (security clearance) when seeking civilian employment
- Overwhelming stigmas in accepting help in dealing with PTSD, and other mental illnesses, this is slowly improving as the issue becomes more and more critical.
- High OP tempo is often a barrier to military members to seek assistance. Seeking help can bar members from deployment, often times leading to feelings of abandoning their team.
- Underage drinking has historically been accepted in the military and many foreign stations allow drinking at young ages. Many military installations have "A-Towns" right outside the front gates catering to underage and binge drinking.

Military Alcohol "Hub of the Wheel"

Historic Trends in Binge Drinking

- Army-48.2 %
- Navy-47.8%
- Marine Corps-57.6%
- o Air Force-39.0%
- Suicide: 18% had evidence of alcohol use at time of death
- 24% had evidence of past alcohol abuse or dependence
- Sexual Assault: Over 50% of victims and offenders of sexual assault were associated with alcohol
- 30% of spouse abuse involved alcohol
- 12% of active duty members are underage

Military: "How Are We Fixing This"



- Commandant/Assistant Commandant/SgtMaj of the Marine Corps Initiative
- Leadership understands the hub of the wheel
- Utilized SAMSAS 6 Strategies and added treatment initiatives
- Identified levels of risk
- Focus on Prevention, provide treatment as needed
- Questions: grant.olbrich@usmc.mil

By Marine for Marine Initiatives

- OSCAR, Take a Stand, Never Leave a Marine Behind, DSTRESS Line
- Family Training
- Improve community based processes
- Teach impacts of alcohol misuse through the lifestyle training
- Focus on workforce development (substance abuse personnel)
- Educate the importance of self-referral

EUDL Air Force Discretionary Grant Goals:

- Zero tolerance approach for underage drinking
- There is a "Culture of Responsible Choices Initiative" (CoRC) in place
- Initiative includes **0-0-1-3** campaign: zero underage drinking, zero DUI's, **IF** of age, no more than **1** drink per hour, **3** drinks per night.
- The focus is on the community coalition approach that goes above and beyond what other communities are providing through CoRC or EUDL (state-level) alone.

Trends-American Indian/Alaskan Native Substance Abuse & Use

- 20.5 % -Past month alcohol use ages 12-17 (higher than other racial groups)
- 31.0% Binge alcohol use age 12 or older (higher than other racial groups)
- 18.7% past month illicit drug use age 12-17 (higher than other racial groups)
- 35.8% Past month cigarette use age 12 or older (higher than other racial groups)
- Source: Based on recent studies by the Native American Center for Excellence (NACE)

Emphasis on Conducting Environmental Scans

 Coalitions are well-positioned to change the problem environments that exist within their communities.



"Dig Deeper-For A More Comprehensive Perspective"

- #1location of liquor outlets
- Is there large number of liquor stores and bars in your community?
- Can you buy alcohol in markets, convenience stores, drug stores, gas stations?
- What time do outlets stop selling booze?
- Where is liquor consumed? In addition to bars and restaurants, what about parks, street festivals, sporting events, parking lots, abandoned buildings, etc?
- How is alcohol promoted in your community?
- Do you have a lot of "Happy Hour" or other types of promotions?
- Do you have lots of billboards with alcohol ads in your community?
- Do outlets post signs stating that a person must be 21 to enter or purchase alcohol?

Countering Marijuana's Harmful Influence

Local and State Coalitions are "re-claiming" their communities

Challenges

- In the United States-marijuana use among teens rose last year for the **4th** straight year. This is according to the most recent Monitoring the Future survey
- Fighting confusing messages presented by popular culture, media, proponents of "medical marijuana."
- On average, 1 in 11 people who use marijuana, become addicted. Based on a recent study from National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Current research-based information is not readily available
- Increased social availability

Data Analysis

- One in **five** teen drivers reports that they have driven under the influence of marijuana. Being under the influence of marijuana is more prevalent among teen drivers than alcohol.
- 30% of teens surveyed don't consider marijuana use as a driving distraction. This is according to a study conducted by Liberty Insurance and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Prescription Drugs

- Prescription pain medications like Vicodin and OxyContin were involved in more overdose deaths than heroin and cocaine combined. Based on a recent study from National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- While prescription drug abuse affects all walks of life—urban, suburban, and rural—residents of rural counties are nearly twice as likely to overdose on painkillers as people in larger cities.
- In a recent study, prescription painkiller overdoses killed nearly 15,000 people in the U.S. —a rate of 4.8 deaths per 100,000 population, four times the rate for 2009.

HIV/AIDS

"Today, an estimated 1 million people in the US are living with HIV/AIDS. Drug abuse continues to be the major factor in the spread of the disease through both injection and non-injection use."



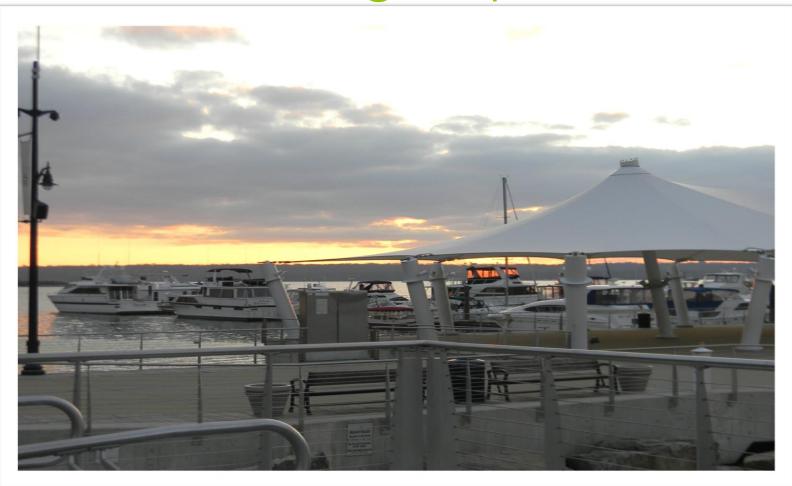
What we know at the end of the day....



Collaboration is the key!

- Websites for additional information:
- www.samhsa.gov
- www.samhsa.gov/about/cbhsq.aspx
- www.samhsa.gov/about/csap.aspx
- www.samhsa.gov/about/csat.aspx

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Thank You!

